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TOPIC Former German Prisoners-of-war Taken Over into the Soviet Zone Police

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- 25X1 1. [redacted] shipment of returning PWs was bound for discharge camp of FUERSTENWALDE (N 53/V 33). In an address to the PWs in the camp, an unidentified "Oberpolizeirat" (major) of the Soviet Zone police tried to recruit volunteers for service with the police.
2. The recruiting address emphasized the advantages offered to anybody serving with the Soviet Zone police (rations, pay, etc.), but also contained open threats inasmuch as anybody going over into the "camp" of the Western Powers would be under constant surveillance of the SED (Social Unity Party) and would some day be called to account.
3. Fifty percent of the PWs who, [redacted] arrived in the discharge camp volunteered for service with the Soviet Zone police.
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